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YRAUSQUIN WITH A DONATION TO PASADIA BIBITO PIN



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RECENTLY, the car company Yrausquin, donated special new bicycles and tricycles to the kids of Pasadia Bibito Pin. Also, the Yrausquin's Body Shop has 'overhauled' the old bicycles leaving them as new.

Many of the employees and their families and friends, gathered at Pasadia Bibito Pin to clean the whole place. All the rooms and their equipments received a proper cleaning. Pasadia Bibito Pin is a Foundation for people of Intellectual Deficiency (SVGA). It is an organization that hosts 48 special clients between the ages of 2 to 16 years. The main goal of the center is to enhance the development and the ability of each child.

The volunteers of the Yrasquin did a tremendous job, and they were all proud to have contributed to our community in such a creative and enthusiastic way. Pasadia Bibito Pin conveys its gratitude to Yrausquin and all the volunteers for their great help and support.



Every Child deserves to have the gift of a father or a father figure

Mireille Sint Jago(MEP)



I would like to take a moment on this day, to focus some of the attention on a special group of children of Aruba on Father's Day. Based on the statistics of Censo 2000 and 2010 by CBS, I wondered how many children in Aruba wake up without their father in the house on Father's Day. Most common reasons for this are divorce/separation or the mother was never married, father has left the country to work elsewhere or the father has died. The economic situation Aruba is in today, I can only imagine that the closing of Valero Refinery, closing of many other hotels and stores, hence high unemployment rate combined with the always elevating higher costs of living, is creating financial problems for more families everyday in 2015. Finance is the #1 reason for divorce, child neglect and can even lead to child abuse. In 2010 32, 3% of our children were raised by single parents. Out of those 86% were mothers. Based on Censo 2010 the amount of children who lived with a single mom on Father's Day was 8610 children out of 30.995. Which is 27, 8% (2010). Of which I hope that most of these children interact on a regular basis with their father, but there is no data available to verify or contradict that. My point is, it does not matter what the reason is for the absence of the father, what really matters is that all children deserve to have the gift of a father or a father figure like an uncle, grandfather, step father, god father, coach father of teacher father, a male role model in their lives. Also, our community needs to be aware of the fact that the composition of 21st Century households will have its effect on future generations. Absence of fathers in the lives of boys is specifically troubling, because it is often linked to boys having problems with their sex-role, gender-identity development, school performance, psychological adjustment and self control. (Hetherington, Stanley-Hagan, 1986). We are all, whether we are single parents or a couple, godparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, neighbors, coaches or trainers... We are all creating the fathers and mothers of the future. So, if you can, quit your game and help shape the future generation of parents. You have 365 days a year available to dedicate some of your time, to show a child the gift of a father, a positive male role model or a great father (figure).

Aruba's 2015 Tourist Arrivals Growth



ARUBA continues to enjoy and succeed the aim to continue the country's strong 2014 visitor growth. This is due to the great efforts by the Tourism Ministry, the Aruba Tourism Authority, the Aruba Airport Authority and the AHATA.

For the month of May 2015, Aruba received 87,691 tourists which are 9,604 more tourists than May 2014. The North American market, which is our most important market at the moment, represented 60.2% of the total tourist to Aruba. This is a total of 50,568 North American tourists, which is an increase compared to 2014. The increase of the tourists that lodged in the hotels was of 18.3 % compared to 2014, from which 8.6% were from North America.

The marketing of our Island is focused on tourists who can contribute to our economy. The efforts to elevate the quality of tourism on the island are giving positive results. According to the AHATA, the average price for rooms increased to 12.4% that is \$212.88 per night. The RevPar also increased with 6.3%. Another way to measure the quality of the tourists who visit our island is by the amount of money they leave behind, the so called Tourism Receipts. The increase is of 6.4% which is \$1,628.34 in 2014 compared to 2013. These are encouraging numbers for the economic pillar of our country and it is a result of great efforts by the Aruba's tourism stakeholders.

Urgent Letter sent to Valero Energy Corporation

Andin Bikker



ANDIN Bikker, Senator representing the Real Democracy Party (PDR), sent an urgent letter to the Valero Energy Corporation to stop the dismantling of the refinery as to honor a recent Resolution of the Senate of Aruba in reference to the refinery. "I am leader of and Senator representing the Real Democracy Party. I am also President of the Senate Committee that has been holding informational meetings, in reference to (efforts to explore the possibility of a reopening of) the refinery.

As you may know the Senate of Aruba has recently adopted a Resolution in reference to the refinery, consisting in essence of the following proposal: A Committee should be formed a.s.a.p. to explore the possibilities of the reopening of the refinery and report back to the Senate; the exploration of said possibilities should be carried out and captioned within a foreseeable timeframe.

In light of said Resolution the news last week that Valero Energy Corporation would not wait any longer and will continue with its plans to dismantle the refinery, is relevant and of great concern. Certainly given the fact that in other relevant news it became known that Citgo Petroleum Corporation would be interested in purchasing the refinery and that the Committee mentioned above is planning to visit Citgo and Valero soon.

Furthermore, the Senate has been advised that a number of factors have changed sufficiently in the refining industry that could encourage other investors to acquire the refinery.

Given these latest developments and relevant positive market conditions, it therefore cannot be excluded that other interested parties could (re)state their interest in the refinery as well.

In 2010 major concessions were made by the State of Aruba to Valero in an effort to re-open the refinery and keep it operating. So, a fair chance was given to Valero to such an effect. In the same spirit, I request that you co-operate with the efforts to find another way to re-open the refinery and keep open this valuable contributor to our island's economic health and strength.

Therefore, in light of the aforementioned Resolution, the positive new developments, and given the importance of the refinery for our economy, I hereby would like to make a logical and most sincere request for Valero to put its plans to dismantle the refinery on hold. Postponement of Valero's intentions to dismantle the Aruba refinery is paramount and needed, so that a suitable investor can be pursued for a possible re-opening".



CUSTOMS, COAST GUARD AND POLICE

INTERCEPT DRUG VESSEL IN ARUBA

CUSTOMS, Coast Guard Caribbean and Organized Crime Unit (UGC) of the Aruba Police Force intercepted 18 kilos of drugs on the vessel "La Patrona". Seven persons were arrested.

During an initial inspection of the vessel "La Patrona" by customs at the port of Barcadera, about 4 kilos of cocaine were found hidden in handbags and were confiscated.

The captain, his crew and five passengers were arrested and the vessel was seized.

At the request of the Customs, the Coast Guard took the vessel to the port at Savaneta where it was subjected to a thorough examination.

Here, 14 more packages of approximately 1 kilogram drugs that were very well hidden, were found and confiscated. These packages were subjected to UGC for further investigation in the case.

ARUBA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



FILM festivals can help add intrigue and interest in a vacation destination, and the island of Aruba will be drawing movie fans by coordinating its fifth annual Aruba International Film Festival (AIEF) from Oct. 7-11.

According to the Aruba Tourism Authority, the film festival has helped the island nation build its reputation with tourists and has received international coverage and acclaim for the event. Over the last four years, the AIEF has played host to some of the biggest names in movies including Richard Gere, Thelma Schoonmaker, Virginia Madsen and Paul Verhoeven, and 2015 should be no different.

While the AIEF is not traditionally scheduled for October, festival directors wanted to move the dates back in order to introduce its inaugural International Film Market Aruba (IFMA,) the first of its kind in the Caribbean region.

Filmmakers will have the opportunity to pitch their ideas to potential buyers at the IFMA, and all parties involved will have the pleasure of mixing business with pleasure as they strike potential deals in the beautiful settings of the island paradise.

Organizers hope that IFMA and AIEF will help draw hundreds of new film tourists to Aruba each year. In addition to the typical screening of short- and feature-length films, the festival will also feature master classes and panel discussions on various filmmaking topics. For more information on the AIEF and the inaugural IFMA, check out the film festival's official website.

Aruba Winner in 2015 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards

ARUBA has been recognized as a winner in the 2015 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice™ awards in the islands category, ranking 8 out of 10. For the third year running, TripAdvisor has recognized the world's top islands based on millions of reviews collected that year from travelers around the globe.

"It is an honor to be recognized by the world's biggest travelling community for our continued dedication to the overall visitors' experience," said Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, CEO of Aruba Tourism Authority. "We're incredibly proud of our beautiful beaches, friendly people and high standards of service, which is why we enjoy one of the highest numbers of repeat visitors in the Caribbean."

"Our well-traveled community has uncovered the best islands around the world for that perfect island escape, whether your goal is relaxing on the beach or seeking adventure," said Barbara Messing, chief marketing officer for TripAdvisor. "To assist travelers booking their trips to these remarkable destinations, TripAdvi-

sor showcases these amazing island hotels that accommodate a full range of travel budgets."

For more information on the One Happy Island,

visit www.aruba.com. Engage with Aruba via social media at www.facebook.com/ArubaFans or @Aruba on Twitter.



Jazz it up for the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival 2015

September 25 & 26 in Aruba

TRAVELING from the Caribbean island of Aruba to New York City was a small group of determined and likeminded entrepreneurs from Aruba to promote both the 9th edition of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival which will take place on September 25th and 26th 2015 and the first ever Aruba Inspiration Week. On the evening of June 18, 2015 a press conference was held at the Montana Studios in the Big Apple. Topics were the announcement of the headliners, the huge New York influence to this year's edition of the festival, the cultural experience of this unique Festival and the TEDxAruba. Joining the conference were artists Mike Stern, Roberta Gambarini and Roy Hargrove in a unique encounter with the CSJF organization, the Culture Dept. of the Dutch Consulate, the press, and invitees. Amongst the members of the press were reporters from WBGO Jazz Radio and the ultimate Downbeat Magazine.

After the official part of the conference Roberta, Mike and Roy couldn't wait to jam together with fellow musicians Willie Jones III, Teymur Phell and Etienne Stadwijk for a once in a lifetime performance. Talking



about making things happen.

Coming up with a fresh and new line up for 2015, this yearly event attracts both local and international visitors who come and enjoy a good mix of Jazz, Latin, Soul, Funk, and Blues presented on 3 stages. The festival will take place at the Renaissance Festival Plaza in Aruba, a unique venue in the Caribbean with a big variety of music, theater, arts and culinary experiences in one week.

Confirmed artists this year are EARTH, WIND &

together for an inspiring day filled with brilliant speakers, thought-provoking video and mind-blowing conversations. Followed by the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival which will lead into 'The Eat Local Aruba Restaurant Week' inaugural event from September 28th through October 9th 2015 on the One

FIRE Experience, Grupo Niche, and Roy Hargrove's Rh factor, Roberta Gambarini, Mike Stern Band, The Ploc-tones, Maite Hontele, Jessy J, Delbert Bernabela and many more to announce.

Leading up to the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival will be TEDx Aruba on September 23, 2015 where great minds come

Happy Island of Aruba? The new restaurant week offers food critics, wine connoisseurs, foodies and everyone in between the opportunity to explore Aruba's culinary heritage. Tourists and locals alike can enjoy new epicurean delights.

White-sand beaches, cooling trade winds and warm, friendly people are just a few reasons why so many people return to Aruba year after year. Come join us from during this epic week of Food for the Mind, Food for the Soul, and Food for the Body.

Early Bird Tickets for the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival are on sale on www.caribbeanseajazz.com



VACATIONING DURING SCHOOL TIME IS **NOT** PERMITTED



ON vacation during school time is in fact not permitted. Compulsory schooling adheres to school holidays which are established at the beginning of each school year. Each child will receive the schedule for the school year during the first day of school.

Absence from school without permission is 'unauthorized absence'. Hereby is understood regularly arriving late, truancy (skipping classes) or during school time going on vacation. Unauthorized absence from school by a pupil before or after a holiday is called 'luxury absence'. If students are absent during this period, the school principal is obliged to report it to the Office Hotline for Compulsory Schooling. It is not permitted to go on vacation prior to and/or return later than the established school holiday. With the strict addressing of luxury absence the Office Hotline for Compulsory Schooling is sending a clear signal to parent (s)/attendant (s), pupils and schools.

If you as a parent of the aforementioned student decide to go against the established regulation then you can be punished according to the Compulsory Education Ordinance (AB. 2011 No. 82) article 9: "the parent who repeatedly or persistently fails to act accordingly pursuant to article 2, paragraph 1, a cease and desist order by the Minister of at least Afl. 250,- and a maximum of Afl. 2.500,- is imposed to further violation or repetition of the offence".

Allyson Ponson represents Aruba 2015 Pan American Games, July 10-26

ALLYSON Ponson is the only athlete that classified for the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto Canada. At the moment, she is studying in Holland, where she is a member of one of the best swimming clubs of the world, PSV.

Allyson started to practice swimming since she was very little. She obtained all her swimming diplomas and has always taken swimming seriously. In her first year with PSV, they won some competitions and Allyson proudly helped her team win.

Allyson returned to Aruba where she started to train for one year for the National Team of Aruba. She competed in the Pan-American Games of the Caribbean and came out at 4th place. She did not receive a medal but she stayed optimistic saying that, "The day will come when I get a medal, I am still young".

The main focus for Allyson right now is to be fully prepared to represent Aruba in the Pan- American Games in Toronto. This summer, 7,600 top athletes from the Americas and Caribbean will compete at the Pan Am Games 2015, and we are very proud that Allyson Ponson is one of these athletes to represent Aruba in such a big event. We wish Allyson success in Toronto, Canada.



Stowaway FOUND DEAD

after falling from British Airways
plane in London



(CNN)—A stowaway on a British Airways jet was found dead after falling on a roof as the plane approached London Heathrow Airport, authorities said Friday.

It's unclear whether the man had crouched in the wheel well, a common hiding place for stowaways.

A second man who was hiding in the undercarriage of the plane was hospitalized with injuries, the airline said.

The plane was flying from Johannesburg to London when the man fell and landed above a business in Richmond, southwest London. Johannesburg and London are about 6,000 miles apart, and the flight is nearly 12 hours long.

Airline tracking website FlightAware.com lists British Airways Flight 54 as a Boeing 747. It departed

Johannesburg on Thursday night and arrived at Heathrow at 7:26 a.m. London time Friday.

In a statement, the UK Metropolitan Police said an investigation is underway, and British Airways said it's working with authorities in both nations to get more details.

Plenty of people have hitched a ride on a plane by holing up in a wheel well. Most don't survive.

In April last year, a 15-year-old boy sneaked into the wheel well of a Boeing 767 and flew from San Jose, California, to Maui, Hawaii. He survived.

In February of the same year, crews at Dulles International Airport in suburban Washington found the body of a man inside the wheel well of a South African Airways plane.

It's not difficult to climb inside a wheel well, said Jose Guillen, a ground operations coordinator at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

"You can grab onto the struts and landing gear assembly kind of like a ladder," he said. "And you just jump on the tire and climb into the wheel well."

But after takeoff, many scenarios could kill a stowaway hiding in the landing gear wheel well.

Inside, there's not much room -- even less than in the trunk of a car, Guillen said.

A stowaway would need to guess where the tire is going to fold in when it closes after takeoff, he said. Otherwise, there's a high risk of getting crushed once the gear starts going in.

This issue of stowaways making it aboard flights has raised questions about airport security.

A NEW MASS EXTINCTION could be underway, researchers say

(CNN)—Sixty-five million years ago, the dinosaurs disappeared in what's known as the Earth's fifth mass extinction. Today, a sixth mass extinction could be well underway and humans are the likely culprit, according to new research published in Science Advances.

The past five mass extinctions on Earth were caused by large-scale natural disasters like meteors or enormous chains of volcanic eruptions, wiping out between half and 96% of all living species.

But the modern mass extinction isn't being caused by a freak act of nature, the researchers say. It's being caused by man-made changes to the environment including deforestation, poaching, overfishing and global-warming, and it's proving to be just as deadly.

Recently, species like the Emperor Rat,

the Desert Rat Kangaroo, the Yangtze River Dolphin, the Skunk Frog and the Chinese Paddlefish, amongst hundreds of others, are believed to have become extinct.

About 477 vertebrate species have been lost since 1900, according to the research by Gerardo Ceballos, a senior ecological researcher at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, and Anthony Barnosky, a biology professor at Berkeley.

If humans were not the primary source of these extinctions, there should've only been nine species going extinct during the same time period.

Looking ahead

The researchers fear that 75% of the species we know today could be lost in just two generations' time.

"We have the potential for making

massive
change...
and the
bottom line
is that we
can't be the
generation
responsible
for wiping
out three-
fourths of
life forms
on the
Earth," says
Barnosky.
Biodiversity
provides

critical functions, including the air in the atmosphere and purifying drinking water -- life as we know it depends on having high levels of species diversity, scientists say.

"People think nothing bad will come from species loss, because scientists can't predict exactly how many need to go extinct before the world collapses," says Ceballos. "The problem is that our environment is like a brick wall. It will hold if you pull individual bricks, but eventually it takes just one to make it suddenly fall apart."

While extinction is a natural function of life, this is the first time humans are being confronted with species loss at rates that are 1,000 to 10,000 times faster than what is considered the natural rate.

What you can do

The problem of extinction is becoming very serious, but it is not too late, says Barnosky.

"We have the potential of initiating a mass extinction episode which has been unparalleled for 65 million years," says Ceballos. "But I'm optimistic in the sense that humans react -- in the past we have made quantum leaps when we worked together to solve our problems."

Barnosky says there are a number of steps people can take:

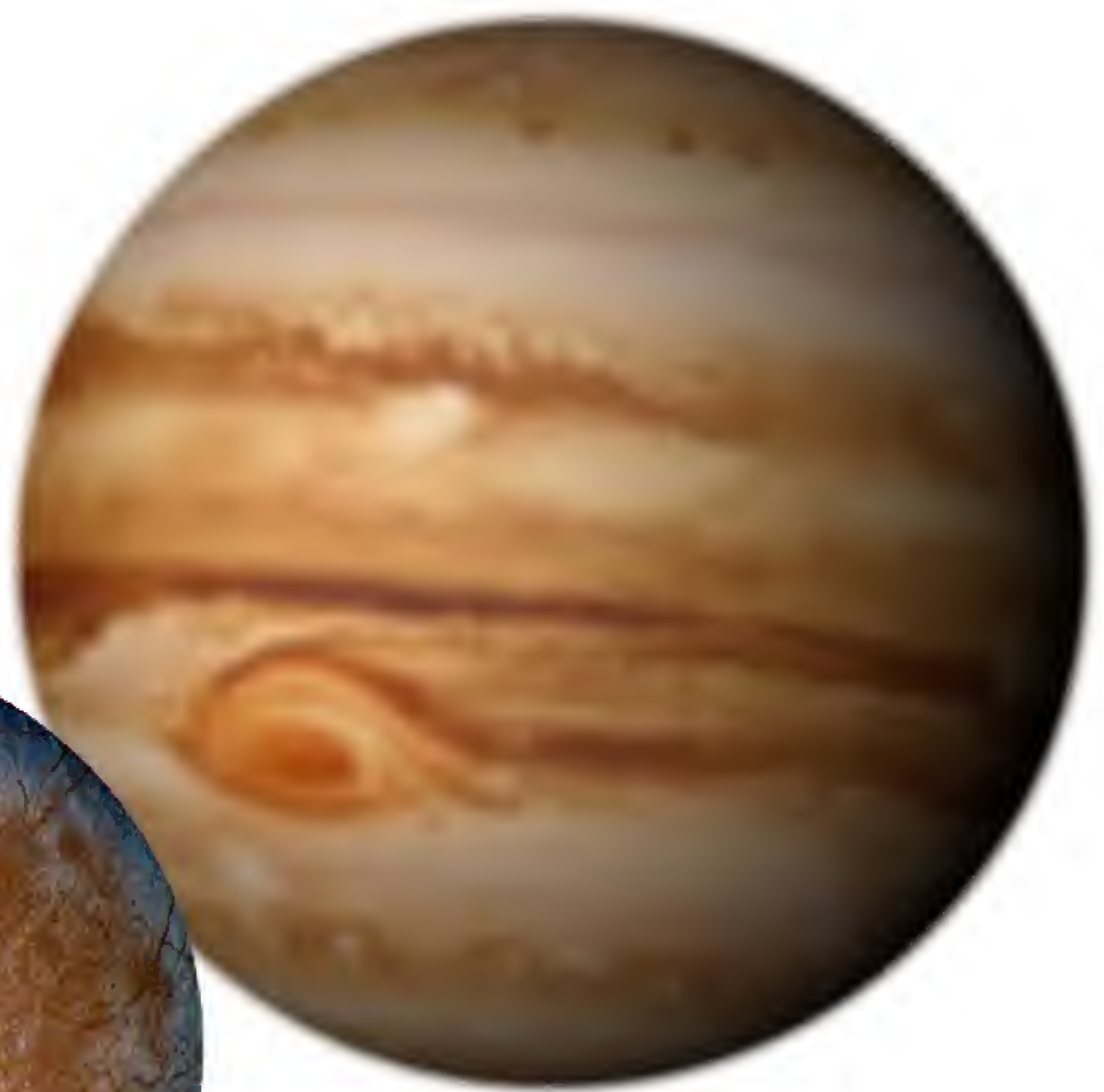
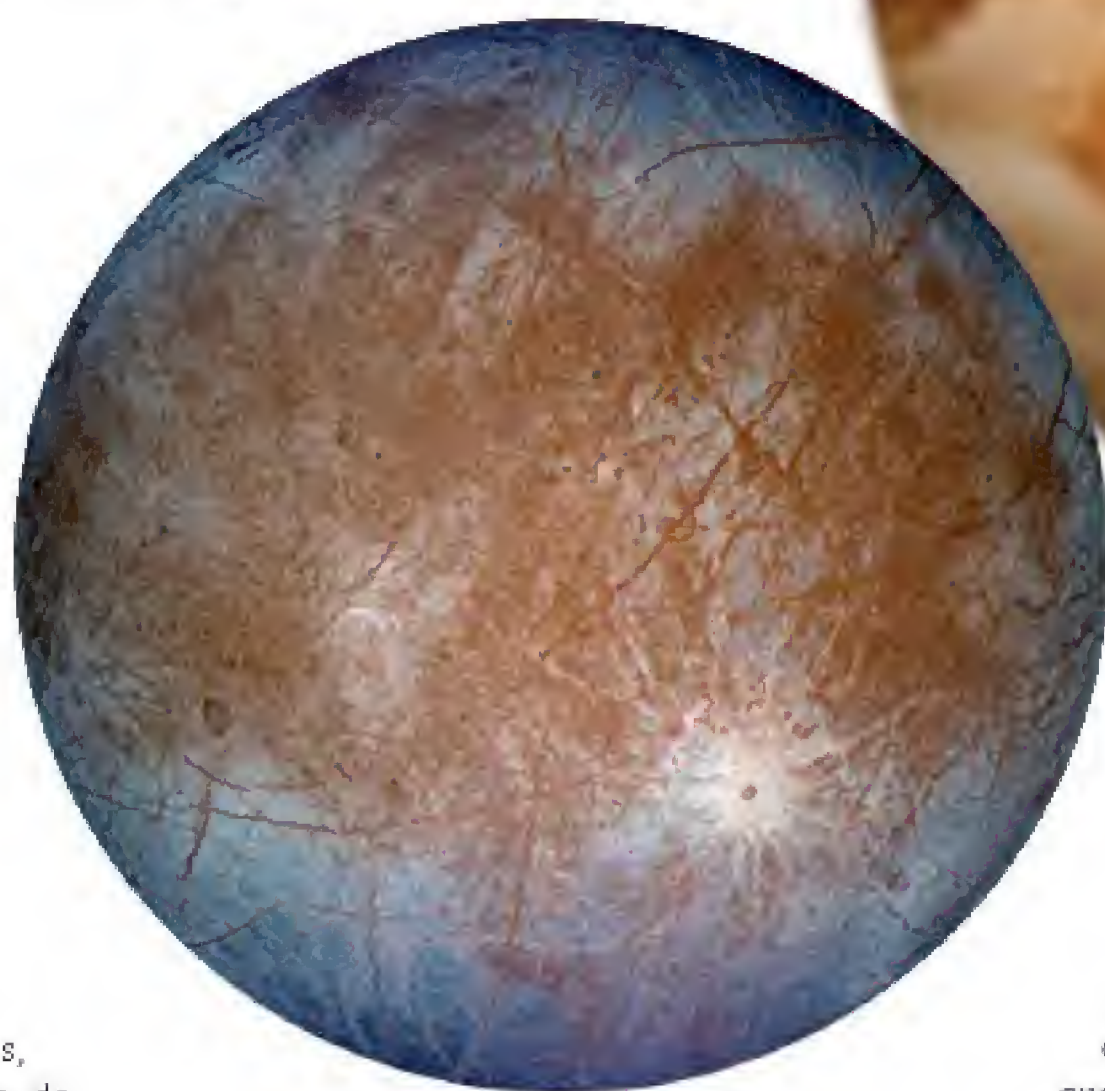
-- Reduce your carbon footprint -- this is to hold back climate change from falling below critical levels and to prevent altered conditions which can ravage fragile ecosystems.

-- Never buy products made from threatened or endangered species -- this includes items like ivory, animal furs and rhino horns.

-- Eat less meat -- 40% of the Earth is currently under cultivation, and if the lands used to feed livestock were used to grow crops for people, there would be 50 to 70% more calories available for humans to eat, which is enough to feed an additional billion people. It would eliminate the need to clear natural ecosystems like rainforests for farmland.

"Little by little people are understanding that we need to change," says Barnosky. "But whatever we decide to do in next 10 to 15 years will decide the future of biodiversity on Earth."

Mysterious **MOON** may have secret ocean... and life



(CNN)—
N A S A
wants to go
to Europa. No,
it's not in Europe.
And for soccer fans,
it has nothing to do
with the Europa League.
Europa is one of Jupiter's larger
moons. It's about the size of Earth's
moon, and it's thought to be one of the
best places to look for life in our solar
system -- besides Earth, of course.

Interest in the icy world heated up
in 2012 when the Hubble Space
Telescope observed water vapor above
the south polar region of Europa. NASA
says those observations gave scientists
strong evidence of water plumes
erupting off the moon's surface.
Long before Hubble made those
findings, a NASA spacecraft named
Galileo traveled to Jupiter in 1995 and
found evidence that Europa has a salty
ocean beneath its frozen crust. NASA
says that ocean may have more than
twice as much water as Earth.

"Europa has tantalized us with its
enigmatic icy surface and evidence of a
vast ocean, following the amazing data
from 11 flybys of the Galileo spacecraft
over a decade ago and recent Hubble

observations
suggesting plumes of
water shooting out from the moon,"
John Grunsfeld, associate administrator
for NASA's Science Mission Directorate
in Washington, said in a statement in
May.
"We're excited about the potential of
this new mission and these instruments
to unravel the mysteries of Europa
in our quest to find evidence of life
beyond Earth."

NASA hopes the new probe will help
determine if Europa really does have
the ingredients for life, according to
Barry Goldstein, manager of the Europa
Project at NASA's Jet Propulsion
Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

The mission took a big step forward
Wednesday when NASA announced it
had been moved to what's called the
"formulation phase," Goldstein told
CNN in an email.

"In this phase we mature
the mission design and
requirements to assure we
are asking the correct science
questions, and designing the
correct mission to answer those
questions," he said.

The space agency has included \$30
million in its 2016 budget to plan the
mission. Goldstein said there's still
work to do before NASA officially
clears mission managers to build the
hardware and software for the mission.
If the mission does get final approval,
the spacecraft would be launched in the
2020s. It would take several years to get
to Jupiter, and when it arrived it would
"orbit the giant planet about every two
weeks, providing many opportunities
for close flybys of Europa," according
to a NASA statement.

NASA says the mission plan includes
45 flybys at altitudes ranging from 16
miles to 1,700 miles (25 kilometers to
2,700 kilometers). With each pass, the
spacecraft would collect information
about Europa's surface and use
instruments to look deep inside the
small world.
Nine science instruments have been
selected so far, including cameras, ice
penetrating radar and a magnetometer.

A bit more about Europa and Jupiter
Europa is one of the four largest
moons orbiting Jupiter, the biggest
planet in our solar system -- so big
that 1,000 Earths would fit inside.
Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei is
given credit for discovering Europa, Io,
Ganymede and Callisto in 1610, and so
the four are known as Galilean satellites
or moons. German astronomer Simon
Marius claimed to see the moons
at about the same time, but Galileo
published his findings first. Jupiter also
has dozens of other smaller moons.

Jupiter is about 390 million miles (629
million kilometers) from Earth when
the two planets are at their closest.
Despite the distance, you can see
Jupiter with the naked eye on a clear
night. In fact, Jupiter and the much
brighter Venus are putting on quite a
show in the evening sky this month. If
you go out after sunset and look west,
you can see the two planets fairly close
together. They look like two bright
lights. In late June and early July, the
two planets will be at their closest until
August 2016.

If you have binoculars or a telescope,
you can see Jupiter's largest moons,
including Europa. They will look like
tiny lights near Jupiter.



'Jurassic World' ends Pixar's box office STREAK

despite big haul by 'Inside Out'

(CNN) — For the first time since 1995, a Pixar film wasn't the top-grossing movie at the U.S. box office on its opening weekend. "Inside Out" pulled in an estimated \$91 million, but even that strong debut came up short of "Jurassic World."

Universal's thriller about dinosaurs run amok earned an estimated \$102 million for its second weekend in theaters. A week earlier, "Jurassic World" rewrote the box office record books.

So far "Jurassic World" has made \$981.3 million around the world, which means it could cross the \$1 billion mark on Monday. That would be just 13 days after it was released.

The record for best second weekend is \$103.1 million by "The Avengers" in 2012. The final box office numbers, set for release Monday, could push "Jurassic World" over that mark as well.

As for "Inside Out," the animated Pixar film still had much to be joyful about. The weekend box office performance marks the second biggest U.S. opening for Pixar behind "Toy Story 3," which made \$110.3 million in its 2010 debut and went on to haul more than a \$1 billion worldwide. Overall, films by Pixar, which is owned by Disney (DIS), have brought in roughly \$8.5 billion worldwide since 1995.



Police:

Attackers shoot 10 PEOPLE

at child's birthday party in Detroit

(CNN)—Attackers fired semiautomatic weapons at a child's birthday party in Detroit, killing one person and wounding nine others, authorities said. A 20-year-old man died in the Saturday night shooting, CNN affiliate WXYZ reported.

Nine other people -- three women and six men -- suffered injuries, WXYZ said. It's a "miracle" no child was injured at the party, which was held at a basketball court, Detroit Assistant Police Chief Steve Dolunt told the affiliate. About 400 people attended the party,

but there are no leads so far, and witnesses are not cooperating, Dolunt said. "There's kids out here. I'm livid. ... There's not any excuse why no one is talking," he told WXYZ. "Man up or woman up, whatever, and tell us what's going on."

Dolunt said police are looking for the owner of an abandoned red car found across the street whose occupants they believe were shot.

Authorities will continue their investigations Sunday.

8 MILLION mummified animals,

mostly dogs, in catacombs at Egypt site

(CNN)—For centuries, dogs have been humans' loyal, domesticated companions. They've been wild animals, doing what's needed to survive. And in ancient Egypt, they served as bridges to the afterlife, with the hope that they'd intercede with the god Anubis on their owner's behalf. But only now is it becoming known the extent to which dogs served this latter role -- 8 million times over.

That is the number of dead animals, most of them dogs, estimated to have laid in the catacombs of Anubis around Saqqara, one of Egypt's most historic and oft-visited sites, according to a group of British researchers. While such mass burials aren't unprecedented, given the numerous animal cults of ancient Egypt, this one's scale makes it unique.

"We're very pleased and somewhat surprised by the results," the project's director Paul Nicholson from Cardiff University's School of History, Archaeology and Religion said Saturday. "We hadn't expected that there would be so many animals, and it opens up a new series of questions." One question that experts can at least partially answer is why an Egyptian might have brought an animal, dead or alive, to such a place.

Nicholson, who has been studying animal cults since the 1990s, explains

that people wouldn't have come simply to kill or even bury an animal so much as allow it to move onto a different plane. A dog, especially, would be a good fit because it might then interact with Anubis, an ancient Egyptian god of the dead depicted with the body of a man and head of a dog or, its close relative, a jackal.

"The important thing was to provide a representation of the god with a fitting burial," Nicholson said. "It's not some sort of blood sacrifice. It's a religious act that's done for the best possible motive."

The animal's owner would hope that, by doing this, "some good will come to you," the Wales-based Egyptologist noted. "Maybe you're hoping that the animal will help someone in your family who has died recently (so that) Anubis will take care of that (relative)." Just as Egyptians' view of Anubis, and dogs, has been common knowledge for some time, so too have the dog catacombs of Anubis. This includes a map from 1897 that shows their location clearly marked.

Still, most of the focus was on temples outside the catacomb. Until, that is, Nicholson's team -- with the support and help from Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities and sponsorship from National Geographic -- began working on the Saqqara site around 2009 and

began exploring deep inside.

They found a series of unadorned tunnels, in some cases filled with animal remains and in other cases cleared out. (Nicholson speculated that some may have been taken out for use in fertilizers, as has been done with other animal remains.)

Those that they found were wrapped in bandages and mummified, including some with a resin applied. One shouldn't imagine an ornate King Tut, though: They were likely stacked on top of each other and "survived very badly," Nicholson said.

"It would be quite difficult to easily find complete, nicely wrapped mummies," he added. "What you have got is the decayed remains of the mummies."

To estimate how many there are, the team took a sample and extrapolated from there how many likely filled up the catacomb. One reason the number is so high is because many of the animals were very small; while there some were mature and likely had full lives, Nicholson speculated that some

were

"being especially bred for the cult."

The catacombs are believed to date from between roughly 750 to 30 B.C., up to the time Egypt's society was interacting more and more with those of Europe, including ancient Greece and Rome.

A summary of the Cardiff team's findings was published this week in the journal *Antiquity*. Nicholson and his co-authors, Salima Ikram and Steve Mills, are now working on a more complete study. And the work continues at the Saqqara site, which includes other animal catacombs and many monuments like the step pyramid of Djoser, as well as in laboratories to discover more about the animal remains, such as patterns of sex and age.

"We are very curious about where the animals came from," Nicholson said. "We're learning quite a bit about the Egyptians' interactions with animals. It's an exciting thing."



HHS secretary:

NO PLAN if Supreme Court guts Obamacare

WASHINGTON (CNN)—Days before the Supreme Court could strip it of a central component, there is still no "plan B" for Obamacare.

Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell warned the Obama administration will be unable to cover the millions of Americans who could lose their medical insurance if the Supreme Court decides to unravel much of the Affordable Care Act.

"We don't believe there is an administration solution that would undo all of that damage," Burwell said about the looming Supreme Court ruling in an exclusive interview with CNN.

The court could rule as early as Monday in the health care case. They are expected to hand down a decision by the end of the month.

HHS officials worry most Americans are unaware of the potential chaos at stake should the justices decide against the administration in *King versus Burwell*, the latest legal challenge to the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.

The case rests on whether consumers who purchase their insurance on the Obamacare's federal exchanges are legally eligible for hundreds of dollars in subsidies that makes their coverage more affordable.

Obamacare opponents argue the legislative text in the Affordable Care Act dictates that financial assistance is only available on insurance marketplaces "established by the state."

The plaintiff's claim before the justices is that the law's language renders those cost-saving subsidies illegal in the 34 states that rely on the federal exchange -- healthcare.gov -- to sell insurance to consumers.

"They would lose their subsidy," Burwell said of the consumers at-risk in the case. "And

if they lost their subsidy, (their coverage) would become unaffordable. And most of those people would potentially become uninsured."

Of the approximately 10.2 million Americans who have purchased their insurance in Obamacare's federal marketplace, 6.4 million would lose an average of \$272 per month in subsidies and simply drop their coverage, HHS estimates.

The result, Burwell has warned publicly, would be a "death spiral" in the insurance exchanges. As consumers drop out of the health care system, prices will go up for hospitals, doctors and consumers.

The HHS secretary cautions her department has prepared to explain that

worst-case scenario to the public. But she said the administration cannot simply disobey a Supreme Court decision and continue to provide subsidies to consumers that are deemed illegal by the justices.

"What we will do is we will be ready to communicate with all of the stakeholders, whether it be insurers, employers, states and consumers. We'll be ready to work with states," Burwell said.

Burwell said there are essentially two options for a remedy. The first would rely on lawmakers in Congress to draft a legislative fix to the law's language.

But with a Republican controlled Congress, she conceded that is highly unlikely. Just last week, House Speaker John Boehner vowed to continue efforts to repeal Obamacare, something GOP lawmakers have attempted to do dozens of times, despite veto threats from the White House.

"Obamacare is fundamentally broken. Americans can't afford it," Boehner said at a press conference last week.

Or, Burwell said, the states currently using the federal exchange could prop up their own marketplaces, thus making their consumers suddenly eligible for subsidies.

Those states, the White House has repeatedly noted, are almost entirely controlled by Republican governors and legislatures that are also hostile to Obamacare.

"If the court makes the decision that we don't have the authority to do these subsidies, then the critical decisions are going to sit with the United States Congress, and with states and governors," Burwell said.

"We will do all that we can to work with them," she said. "But the critical decision point as to whether or not individuals can have those subsidies will sit with them."

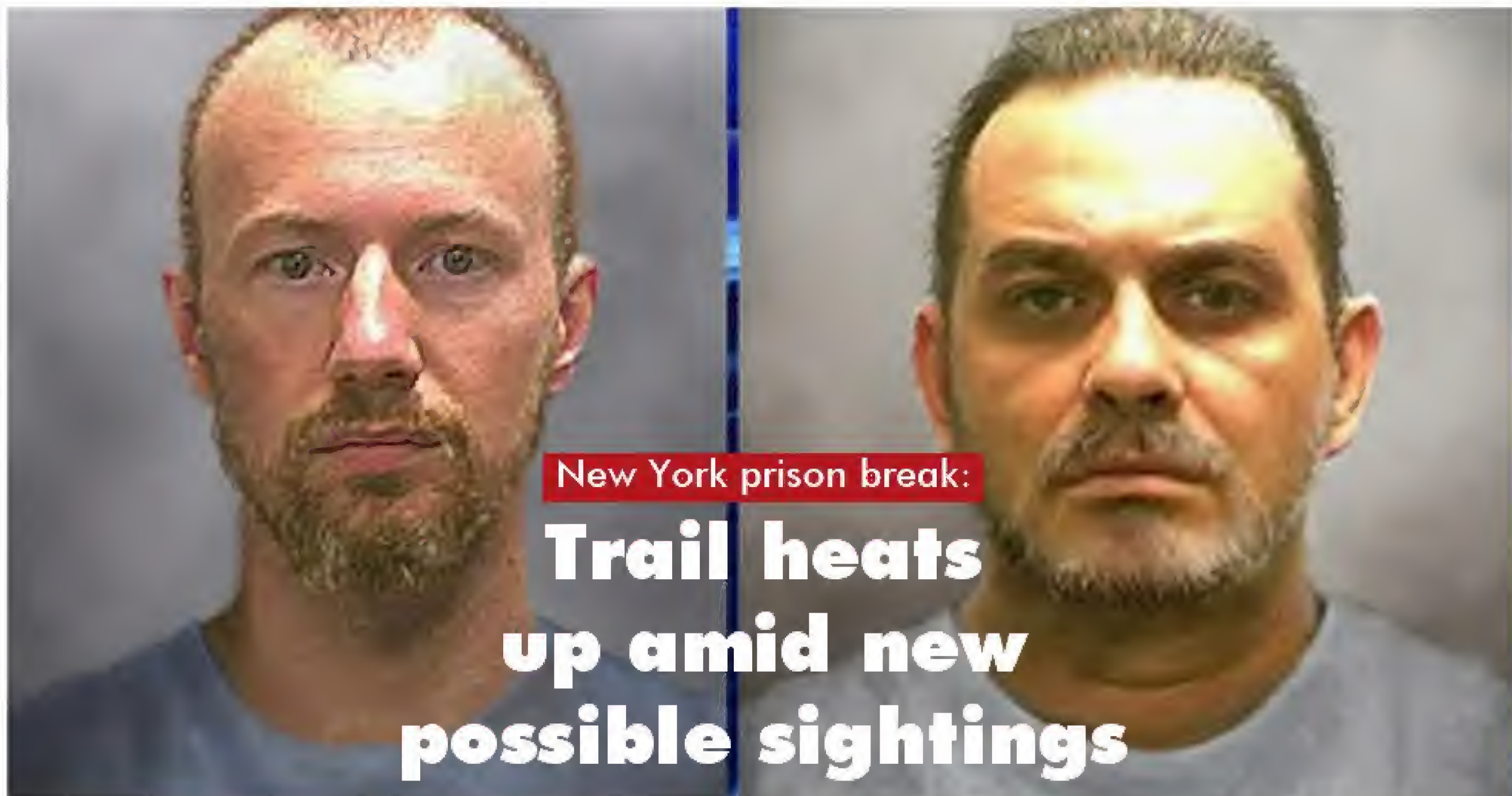
Even as the Obama administration warns of the fallout of a defeat for Obamacare at the Supreme Court, Burwell stressed key pillars of the program will stand.

"There are many pieces of the Affordable Care Act that will stay in place," Burwell said, pointing to the law's provision allowing young adults to stay on their parents' medical plans until age 26 and the guarantee that insurers cannot discriminate against consumers with pre-existing conditions.

But until the Supreme Court issues its decision, the most dramatic moment for Obamacare since it was upheld in the midst of the 2012 presidential campaign, Burwell said all she and her department can do is wait and prepare.

"Until the court gives us a decision, we don't know what that is," she said.





(CNN)—After 16 days on the run, the escaped killers could be anywhere. But authorities are honing in on a rural "hot spot" in southwestern New York.

The latest possible sighting of fugitives Richard Matt, 48, and David Sweat, 35, came in Allegany County, just north of the Pennsylvania border. That's where a witness reported seeing two men along a railroad line Saturday in the town of Friendship, New York State Police said.

While state police called the report an "unconfirmed sighting," a law enforcement source briefed on the prisoner investigation told CNN there was a credible sighting of Matt and Sweat near Friendship.

The Allegany County Sheriff's Office said a tipster led investigators to a set of tracks in the area. Authorities were following the tracks to try to determine whether they're from the two escapees. If Matt and Sweat were indeed in Friendship, that means they somehow traveled more than 300 miles southwest of Dannemora, New York, where they had escaped from the Clinton Correctional Facility.

A rifle in his lap

The sudden swarm of attention on Friendship has bewildered the rural town of 2,000 people.

Gary Baker, 80, said he's terrified of the possibility that the killers are in the area.

Normally, Baker is a caretaker at the

town's Maple Grove Cemetery, right next to his home. But authorities blocked off the cemetery as search helicopters hovered overhead.

Now, Baker sits alone in his home, with all his doors locked and a rifle in his lap. "I think they're really serious that they've seen somebody," Baker said. "I just hope they catch them."

Emergency services radio traffic monitored by CNN indicated large numbers of police had moved into the area. At one point, responding officers were asked to maintain radio silence. Jenn Schanz, a reporter for CNN affiliate WIVB in Buffalo, tweeted that she was asked to leave the search area because state police said it was a "hot spot."

Other possible sightings

Allegany County isn't the only area investigators have received tips from. Last weekend, witnesses reported seeing two suspicious men in Steuben County, about 45 miles east of Friendship, state police said.

"Witnesses spotted two men on June 13 walking near the Gang Mills railway on Rita's Way in the town of Erwin," police said. "The next day, two men with the same description were spotted walking along County Route 115 in the town of Lindley, heading toward the Pennsylvania border."

The unconfirmed sightings came from two separate people, police spokesman Beau Duffy said. State police have sent

investigators to the areas to conduct interviews. On Saturday, police urged anyone living in the Allegany County area along the New York-Pennsylvania border to be on alert for Matt and Sweat, who many say have nothing to lose.

"Do not approach," officials warned. "Both are considered to be very dangerous."

So dangerous, in fact, that the U.S. Marshals Service added Matt and Sweat to its list of the 15 most wanted fugitives. The list "is reserved for the worst of the worst," said U.S. Marshals Service Director Stacia Hylton. "There is no question David Sweat and Richard Matt fall into this category."

A \$50,000 reward is being offered for information leading to either man's capture.

As many as 800 law enforcement officers have participated in the manhunt, which has cleared nearly 200 abandoned buildings, hundreds of occupied homes and more than 600 miles of rural trails, officials said.

"We're not going anywhere," New York State Police Maj. Charles Guess said. "Our plan is to pursue these men relentlessly until they are in custody."

State police have asked hunters and homeowners with surveillance cameras to check their footage all the way back to June 6, the day of the prison break, for any unusual activity.

The search has stretched to Canada and Mexico, with wanted posters of

the escaped killers distributed at both borders.

Relations with the prison tailor

New details have emerged about the relationships between the convicts and prison tailor shop instructor Joyce Mitchell, who has been charged with aiding in escape.

Joyce Mitchell, 51, is behind bars, accused of providing the escapees with sneaking hacksaw blades, chisels, drill bits, a punch and other contraband before they broke out.

Authorities have said Matt had a sexual relationship with Mitchell.

No court date has been set for Mitchell, who has pleaded not guilty to the two charges brought against her and has been talking to authorities. If convicted, she could face up to eight years behind bars. Her husband Lyle, who also worked in the prison's tailoring block, feels betrayed by what happened, his attorney says. But the prosecutor said Wednesday that Lyle Mitchell didn't know about the prisoners' escape plan before it happened and wasn't aware of his wife's relationships with the inmates. And in another development, a corrections officer was placed on administrative leave as part of the investigation into the escape, the state corrections department said. The officer's name was not released.

The district attorney declined to comment but said the corrections officer was male.

Former White House chef MISSING for more than a week



(CNN)—Former White House executive chef Walter Scheib has been missing for more than a week after hiking a mountain trail alone in Taos, New Mexico. Scheib, who served under Presidents Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush, has been absent since June 13 when he left to go for a hike and was later reported missing by a family member. On Thursday, investigators tracked Scheib's cell

phone signal to a mountain in Taos, according to a press release from the New Mexico State Department of Public Safety. Investigators have been searching the area but the treacherous terrain and deep canyons have been interfering with their efforts, according to the release. Scheib had recently moved to the area, according to Sergeant Elizabeth Armijo, a New Mexico State Police

public information officer. Scheib's car was discovered by investigators Tuesday in a parking lot at the Yerba Canyon Trailhead. Scheib served as White House executive chef from 1994 to 2005. Scheib was personally hired by then-first lady Hillary Clinton, according to Scheib's official website. The search effort for Scheib continued on Sunday.

Police:

Cincinnati man calls 911 on self, **KILLS** RESPONDING **officer**

(CNN)—While friends were commenting on his last Facebook post Friday -- and some were reading text messages indicating his plan to commit suicide by cop -- Trepiere Hummons called 911 then waited with a gun for police to arrive, Cincinnati police said.

When they did, he shot and killed 48-year-old Officer Sonny Kim, a husband and father of three, police said.

Then he opened fire on two more officers, said Cincinnati Police Chief Jeffery Blackwell.

The police, while armed, didn't know what they'd walked into. That's because when the 21-year-old Hummons called the emergency operator, he

didn't hint at his plan. Instead he pretended to be a concerned witness who'd seen a man acting erratically with a gun, according to 911 and dispatch tapes released by police. "He's walking around getting belligerent with a gun," Hummons told the operator. Then he gave a description of himself in a shaky voice. "Very early 20s ... about like 5 (foot) 6 ... he's a little thick fellow."

'Shots fired!'

The operator took down his name and number. Hummons thanked her. She ended the call and dispatched an officer.

Hummons dialed 911 again to make sure police were on their way, and

he repeated his location. Moments later, the dispatcher repeated to an officer the description of the irate man with the gun.

"Copy, I'm in the area," the officer answered her before bursting into shouts: "Shots fired! Shots fired!" Hummons wounded Kim multiple times

in spite of the protective vest he wore, the police chief said. And when a probation officer arrived moments later, Hummons shot at him, too. At some point, Hummons' mother came out to the street.

Struggle for gun

"The suspect then returned to Police Officer Kim, who was lying wounded on the street and began to fight with him in an effort to take the officer's firearm," Blackwell said. Kim struggled as he bled, but couldn't hang on to his weapon. When a third officer, Tom Sandmann, arrived, Hummons used Kim's gun to fire at him. But Sandmann returned fire and

wounded Hummons.

Both Hummons and Kim later died at a hospital.

As a juvenile, Hummons had been arrested on burglary, robbery and for illegally carrying a concealed weapon, Blackwell said. As an adult, he was a member of a local gang called the Clutch Gang, the police chief said.

The same day he instigated the shootout, Hummons had been reported for a sex offense, Blackwell said.

No one warned police

Hummons' cryptic goodbye message received dozens of comments, likes and shares.

"I love every last one of y'all to whoever has been in my life "You're the real mvp," he posted on Facebook, using an acronym for Most Valuable Player.

He sent a handful of people text messages about his plan to commit suicide by cop. Blackwell said he wishes someone would have notified police about the messages.

"That didn't happen in this case, unfortunately," he said, "and we lost one of our best police officers."

Officer Kim spent his spare time as a karate instructor and was a rare sixth-degree black belt, CNN affiliate WLWT reported. His students laid bouquets of flowers outside his school.

MAN ARRESTED

After Trans-Atlantic United Airlines Flight Diverted



LONDON (AP) — Authorities have arrested a 42-year-old man for endangering the safety of a plane after a United Airlines flight from Rome to Chicago was forced to divert to Northern Ireland. Belfast International Airport Constabulary said in a statement Sunday that the man with dual Italian and American nationality is also set to be charged with disruptive behavior on board an aircraft and common assault. Airport officials did not elaborate on what the passenger is alleged to have done, nor did they offer any other personal details about him.

The flight, UA971, touched down on Saturday to "offload" the disruptive passenger. However, as the flight crew had exceeded the number of hours they were permitted to work, the 269 passengers and 14 crew members had to wait until Sunday to continue their journey.

To make matters worse, there was not enough hotel space available. The Belfast airport called in additional staff, distributed water and blankets and opened two rooms at the airport for the passengers, many of whom spent the night sleeping on the floor. Airport officials described passengers as "remarkably calm and understanding."

"We understand the inconvenience this causes our customers and will refund their Rome to Chicago flight as well as offer the choice of a travel certificate or miles for our MileagePlus loyalty program," United said in a statement. Airport officials said in a statement on Sunday that the man remains in custody and is set to appear in at Coleraine Magistrates Court on Monday.



Taylor Swift:

Why '1989' won't be on Apple Music

(**CNN**)—Taylor Swift is withholding her album "1989" from Apple's streaming service because she says the company is unfairly withholding royalties from artists.

Swift's issue is the three-month free trial period Apple is promoting.

"Apple Music will not be paying writers, producers, or artists for those three months," she wrote. "I find it to be shocking, disappointing, and completely unlike this historically progressive and generous company."

She added: "It's not too late to change this policy and change the minds of those in the music industry who will be deeply and gravely affected by this. We don't ask you for free iPhones. Please don't ask us to provide you with our music for no compensation."

Swift previously removed her albums from Spotify in a dispute over compensation for streaming music. She explained her decision about Apple in a Tumblr blog post on Sunday morning, several days after her music label confirmed that "1989" wouldn't be available on the service at launch.

The blog post, "To Apple, Love Taylor," was immediately shared tens of thousands of times, showing the power of the artist's megaphone and potentially creating a publicity nightmare for Apple.

Apple announced its Apple Music streaming service earlier this month. The free trial period is seen as a crucial part of the company's strategy to attract paying subscribers.

The company had no immediate comment on Swift's blog post, but an Apple executive previously told Re/code that Apple's payments for songs "are a few percentage points higher than the industry standard, in part to account for the lengthy trial period; most paid subscription services offer a free one-month trial."

In the blog post, Swift expressed her love for Apple and said she wasn't speaking up for herself, but rather for "the new artist or band that has just released their first single and will not be paid for its success." Swift said she's been discussing the Apple policy with others: "These are the echoed sentiments of every artist, writer and producer in my social circles who are afraid to speak up publicly because we admire and respect Apple so much. We simply do not respect this particular call."